(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Rise in it security breach

1654. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report, which appeared in the 'Asian Age', dated the 22nd May, 2002 under the caption, "It security breach on rise, survey";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c)The newsreport mentioned a study report rightly stressing the need for business organisations to appreciate the issue of information system security. Government has already taken steps in respect of its information system by appropriate technical, and procedural means. For the benefit of business organisations, Standardisation means. For the benefit of business organisations, Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate of this Ministry has launched an international certification scheme for Information Security Management System.

Increase in rental for commercial subscribers

1655. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MTNL has decided not to implement TRAI's decision of increasing monthly rental for commercial subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the other recommendations made by TRAI for telephone users; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) In the TRAI's Telecom. Tariff Order (20th Amendment) dated 14th March, 2002, the rental for commercial subscribers has been increased from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 310/-per month and number of free calls per month was reduced from 75 to 30. However, this Tariff order could not be implemented by MTNL due to difficulty of segregating/classifying the subscribers into commercial and noncommercial subscriber categories as per the definition in theTRAI Order. Besides, it was felt that at the present juncture of evolving competition, a tariff increase could involve loss of customers to other competitors. So, MTNL is at present continuing with the existing tariff structure.

(c) In the standard package for commercial subscribers, the TRAI has reduced the number of free calls permitted per month of a billing cycle to 45 for rural subscribers and 30 for urban subscribers, as against earlier standard package of 75 and 60 metered calls respectively.

(d) Since the TRAI's Telecom Tariff Order (20th Amendment) 2002, specifies an upper limit, the operators are free to fix tariffs below this level.

Computerisation of Post Offices in Chhattisgarh

†1656. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices proposed to be computerized in Chhattisgarh during 2002-2003;

(b) the amount likely 4o be spent for this purpose; and

(c) by when, the said project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) During the year 2002-2003, three post offices are proposed for computerization in Chhattisgarh.

(b)The anticipated expenditure involved is Rs. 30 lakh approximately.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.